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assemble /2-sem'bl/ vt to call or bring together; to collect; to put together the parts of; to convert (a program) to machine code from assembly language (comput). • vi to meet together. [Fr assembler, from LL assimulare to bring together, from ad to, and simul together]

assemblage n a collection of persons or things; the whole collection of remains found on an archaeological site; all the flora and fauna of one type in an ecosystem (biol); the act of assembling; the putting together of parts (technical); (also [a-sā-blāzh]) (putting together) a sculptural or other work of art consisting in whole or in part of selected objects, usu objects made for another purpose. assem'blance or assem'blaunce n (Spenser) an assembling. assembler n someone who or or something that assembles; a program that converts a program in assembly language into one in machine code (comput); assembly language (see below). assem'bly n the act of assembling; the putting together of parts; a company assembled; a formal ball or meeting for dancing and social intercourse (hist); a reception or at-home (hist); a meeting for religious worship or the like; a deliberative or legislative body, esp in some legislatures a lower house; a drumbeat, esp a signal for striking tents (milit).

assembly hall n a hall, eg in a school, in which assemblies are held. assembly language n (comput) a low-level programming language, generally using symbolic addresses, which is translated into machine code by an assembler (see above). assembly line n a serial arrangement of workers and apparatus for passing on work from stage to stage in assembling a product, assemblyman or assemblywoman n a member of an assembly or lower house. assembly room n a public ballroom or room for entertainments or formal gatherings; an assembly shop, assembly shop n a place where components are assembled.

■ General Assembly the highest court of the Presbyterian Church or the United Reformed Church. Legislative Assembly or House of Assembly the lower or only house of some legislatures. National Assembly (also Constituent Assembly) the first of the revolutionary assemblies in France (1789–91); (also Church Assembly) a deliberative body of the Church of England set up in 1920, consisting of houses of Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, superseded in 1970 by the General Synod (see synod).

assemblé /ā-sā-blā' / (ballet) n a leap with extended leg followed by a landing with both legs together. [Fr assembler to bring together]

assembly see under assemble.

assent |a-sent'| vi to express agreement or acquiescence (with to). * n an agreeing or acquiescence; compliance. [L assentiri to assent, agree and also its frequentative assentari to flatter)

assentaneous |as-an-tā'ni-as| adj (rare) ready to agree. assentătion n obsequious assent, adulation. ass'entător n (obs). assent'er n. assentient /ə-sen'shənt/ or assent'ive adj. assent'ingly adv. assent'iveness n. assent'or n a person who subscribes a candidate's nomination paper in addition to proposer and seconder. royal assent the sovereign's formal acquiescence in a measure

which has passed the Houses of Parliament. assert /ə-siirt'/ vt to declare positively; to lay claim to; to insist upon;

to affirm; to vindicate or defend by arguments or measures (now used only with cause as object, or reflexively); to bear evidence of (obs; rare). (L asserere, assertum to lay hands on, claim, from ad to, and serere to join!

 assert'able adj. assert'er or assert'or n a champion, defender; a person who makes a positive statement. asser'tion /-s/an/ n affirmation, averment; a positive statement or declaration; that which is averred or declared; the act of claiming one's rights; vindication or championship (archaic). assert'ive adj asserting or confirming confidently; positive, dogmatic; self-assertive. assert'lvely adv. assert'lveness n. assert'ory adj affirmative.

assert oneself to defend one's rights or opinions, sometimes with

unnecessary zeal; to thrust oneself forward.

assess /a-ses'/ vt to fix the amount of (eg a tax); to tax or fine; to fix the value or profits of, for taxation (with at); to estimate, Judge, evaluate (eg a person's work, performance, character). IL assidere. assessum to sit beside (esp of Judges in a court) from ad to, at, and sedère to sit)

■ assess'able adj. assess'ment n the act of assessing; the examining of revenue and costs to calculate the amount of tax to be paid; the valuing of property to calculate liability to taxation; (the amount of) a tax or charge assessed. assess'or n a person who assesses; a legal adviser who sits beside a magistrate; a person appointed as an associate in office with another; a person who assesses taxes, or value of property, income, etc for taxation; someone who shares another's rank or position (archalc), assesso'rial /as-/ adj. assess'orship n.

assessment centre n a place where young offenders are detained so that their individual needs can be assessed and recommendations formulated about their future.

asset |as'et| n an item of property; something advantageous or w worth having; an item of value belonging to a business worth having; an item of value belonging to a business organization (categorized for accounting purposes as *Current ass* and *fixed assets*, which may themselves be *intangible*, *tangible financial*); (in *pl*) the property of a deceased or insolvent perconsidered as chargeable for all debts, etc; (in *pl*) the entire prope of all sorts belonging to a merchant or to a trading association. [In the content of the content assets, orig singular, from the Anglo-Fr law phrase aver assetz to ha enough, from OFr asez enough, from L ad to, and satis enough ass'et-stripper n. ass'et-stripping n (now usu derog) the practi of acquiring control of a company and selling off its assets financial gain.

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asseverate |ə-sev'ə-rāt| vt to declare solemnly (formerly, no archaic, assev'er). [L asseverāre, -ātum, from ad to, and seve serious; see severe

assev'erating adj. assev'eratingly adv. asseveration n.

assez blen /a-sā hyē'/ (Fr) pretty well.

asshole see under arse.

assibilate |a- or a-sib'i-lat| (phonetics) vt to sound as a sibilant. [L. to, and sībilāre to hiss]

assibilătion n.

assidulty |a-si-da¹i-ti| n persistent application or diligence; (in constant attentions. |L assiduus, from ad to, at, and sedere to sit| ■ assiduous |a-sid'ū-as| adj constant or unwearied in application unflagging, unremitting, assid'ūously adv.assid'ūousness n.

asslege /ə-sēj'/ (Spenser) vt to besiege. [See slege]

asslento |a-sē-en'tō| (hist) n (pl asslen'tos) a treaty (esp that between Spain and Britain, 1713) for the supply of African slaves for Spani American dominions. (Sp (now asiento) seat, seat in a court, treat

assign /a-sin'/ vt to allot, share out; to designate, appoint; to p forward, adduce; to make over, transfer; to ascribe, refer; to speci to fix, determine. • n a person to whom any property or right is ma over, an assignee (law); (in pl) appendages (Shakesp). [Fr assign from L assignare to mark out, from ad to, and signum a mark or signated to mark out, and a signum a mark or signated to mark out, and a signum a mark or signated to mark out, and a signation a population of the market of the signated to mark out of the signated the signated to mark out of the signated to mark out of the signated to mark out of the signated the signated to mark out of the signated to mark out of the signated the sig between lovers and mostly with disapproval; the making over of a right to another (Scots law), assignee |as-in-e'| n a person to who any right or property is assigned; a person who receives a contract. right or liability under an assignment; a trustee of a sequestrat right or hability under an assignment, a trustee or a expression estate, assignment /-sin/n the act of assigning; anything assigned legal process whereby contractual rights and liabilities may transferred from an original contracting party to a third person; it writing by which such a transfer is made; a task, piece of work, allotted (Spanner shaped in 1506 to describe anyth design, enterting the state of the state of

allotted; (Spenser altered in 1596 to dessignment) design, enterpris assign/er n. assignor |as-i-nör/| n (law) a person who transfers right or asset under an assignment. assigning authority n a national body authorized to assign loa

assignat /as'ig-nat or a-sēn-yā'/ (hist) n one of the paper bonds fi issued in 1789 by the French government on the security of tappropriated church lands, and later (1790-97) accepted as notes currency. (Fr)

assignation...to...assignor see under assign.

assimilate /a-simi-lat/ vt to make similar or like (with to or with to convert into a substance similar to itself, as the body does to foc to take fully into the mind, experience effects of (eg knowledge); receive and accept fully within a group, absorb; to modify to spee sound), making it more like a neighbouring sound in a word sentence (phonetics). • vi to become like (with to); 10 incorporated or absorbed (into). [L assimilare, -atum, from ad to, a similis likel

assim'ilable adj. assimilătion n. assimilătionist n a person w advocates a policy of assimilation, esp of racial groups (also at assimilative or assimilation, esp of racial groups (also at assimilative or assimilation) assimilation assimilation. assimilate, assim'llator n.

assist /a-sist*/ vt to help (with work, etc, in a matter, etc); to work an assistant to; to accompany or attend (Shakesp). + vt to help (with or in); to be preceded as assistant to; to be preceded to assist the state of the st with or in); to be present at a ceremony, etc (now a Gallicism), (chiefly N Am) an act that assists; help; a play that helps to make goal possible (sport); a play that makes it possible for a batter runner to be put out (baseball). [Fr assister, from L assistere to state the post of the put out (baseball).

by, from ad to, and sistere to set, take one's stand] **assis'tance** n help; relief, **assis'tant** adj helping. • n a per who assists; a helper, **assis'tantship** n the post of assistant. **assis'tantship** n the post of assistant aspiration n and n are the post of assistant aspiration. assister n.

assistant referee n (in football) one of the two officials w assist the referee, adjudicating on offsides and throw-ins (forme called linesman). assisted area n an area within the Europe Union that is eligible for additional funds to generate economic